

## KDS Band Member Named to All-State Band

KDS High School junior Elijah Manley's love for music has shown as he has excelled in both middle school and high school bands. His most significant band accomplishment to date was recently being named All-District and All-State Band Member.

Elijah made blue band and was the third best in the district. Preparing for the try-outs included learning two pieces of music, technical and lyrical, and consisted of two months of practice. Now that Elijah has been named to the All-State Band, he will audition for chair placement in April.

Elijah started his musical career playing trombone and switched to baritone, but he can now play almost every instrument. He says that because his family moved several times as he was growing up, his love of music has been his way of dealing with stress. And his inspiration for being in band has always been his older brother. Elijah says that he hopes to be a high school band director in the future.

